

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED, CONTEL OF MINNESOTA, INC., d/b/a GTE MINNESOTA, AND SURETEL, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-13
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**ORDER DOCKETING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued May 15, 2000)

On April 20, 2000, GTE Midwest Incorporated, Contel of Minnesota, Inc., d/b/a GTE Minnesota (GTE Minnesota), and Suretel, Inc. (Suretel) filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding will be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-13.

The parties to the negotiation or any other interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing under 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written comments on or before May 22, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or reject the interconnection agreement within 90 days of the submission of the agreement or the agreement will be deemed approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The proceeding to review the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on April 20, 2000, by GTE Minnesota and Suretel, shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-13.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before May 22, 2000.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.